

Sermon Overview CEFC
February 26th, 2023

Title: God's Expectations for All of Us

Passage: Ephesians 4:1-6

Introduction

Question: Does **GOD EXPECT** all of us to **ACT LIKE** we are **PART** of His put it back together **PLAN**?

Principle: In God's economy there is a direct **RELATIONSHIP** between **BELONGING** and **BEHAVIOR**

Main Point: If all of us are **PARTICIPANTS** in God's put it back together **PLAN**, then all of us should **PLAN** to "Act like it!"

Meeting God's Expectations for All of Us

Our **FATHER** has **PROVIDED** us with **CLEAR EXPECTATIONS**

Our **FATHER** has **PROVIDED** us with **GOOD REASONS** for His **EXPECTATIONS**

CONCLUSION

Jesus **PRAYED** it for all of us.

Paul **PAINTED** a compelling **PICTURE** of it for all of us.

Sermon Based Small Group Questions

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- 1 Think of something you were a part of where you were expected to "Act like it!". Describe that situation and how you navigated it.
- 2 How has the truth that all of us who have placed our faith in Jesus have been called to participate in God's put it back together plan impacted your day to day life?
- 3 If we are not saved by our behavior then why does God place such a high premium on it?
- 4 Paul listed four clear expectations that God has for all of us: humility, gentleness, patience, and putting up with other Christ-followers in love. Which is the greatest challenge for you and why?
- 5 Paul said these four qualities will aid us as we live out the unity given to us by the Holy Spirit as a local expression of the body of Christ. What is the greatest threat to our unity right now and what can we do to diligently preserve it?
- 6 Paul provided a great reason for God's Expectations... it is part of our DNA based in the unity that exists within the Trinity. Paul described the DNA with a series of "Ones" that we all share... that bind us. Which of these resonated with you most and why?
- 7 Pastor Eric concluded with two passages for further meditation: Jesus' prayer for unity in John 17:20-23 and Paul's picture of unity in Philippians 2:1-11. Choose one and discuss it.